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Clothes: an Anthology

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They cover our body and reveal our soul. They enhance one trait, embellish another, camouflage a third, and even tailor us a whole new identity. They are our filter and mirror, our badge and disguise, our defense against the world and the part of ourselves most susceptible to its influence.

From a philosopher's skullcap to a soldier's boots, from the Chassid's long black coat to a poor bride's trousseau, from the three garments of the soul (thought, speech and action) to the High Priest's eight vestments (the breastplate, apron, cloak, crown, turban, tunic, belt and breeches), from Jacob's historic disguise to a vision of G-d in the laundry room, clothes, in their various functions and forms, are the topic of this anthology of stories, sayings and essays:



The Talmud on Clothes

The Removable Self

by Yanki Tauber

In the Fitting Room of the Soul

by Chana Weisberg

Why the Long Black Coat?

by Yrachmiel Tilles

The Man in the Glass Case

by Dr. Yitzchok Block

A Soldier's Boots

by Colonel Jacob Z. Goldstein

G-d in the Laundry Room

by Chana Weisberg

Faking It

by Yanki Tauber

New Clothes

told by the Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch

A Rebbe Goes Shopping

told by the Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch

The Second Suit

a Chassidic story

Hypocrisy

a Chassidic story

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